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**Transmittal Letter  
New Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)  
Plural Inventors**

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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the above-identified new utility patent application.

Enclosed are:

1. This Transmittal Form including Fee Authorization and a duplicate for fee processing.
2. A Specification having a total of 18 pages, including a one (1) page Abstract and twenty (20) claims.
3. Two (2) sheets of drawings.
4. A Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.
5. An assignment of this invention, including a 37 CFR 3.73(b) statement, to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. and completed Form PTO 1595 Recordation Form Cover Sheet.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 and/or 35 U.S.C. 119(e), Applicants hereby claim priority from presently copending U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/171,320 entitled "Fine Denier Multicomponent Fibers" and filed on December 21, 1999, in the names of Darryl Franklin Clark; Justin Max Duellman; Bryan David Haynes; Jeffrey Lawrence McManus; and Kevin Edward Smith.

Please preliminarily amend the specification of the present application by inserting, as the first sentence following the title, the following: --This application claims priority from presently copending U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/171,320 entitled "Fine Denier Multicomponent " and filed on December 21, 1999, in the names of Darryl Franklin Clark; Justin Max Duellman; Bryan David Haynes; Jeffrey Lawrence McManus; and Kevin Edward Smith. --

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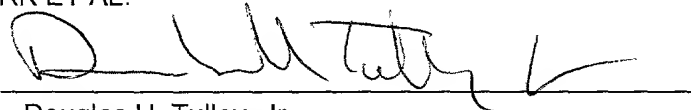
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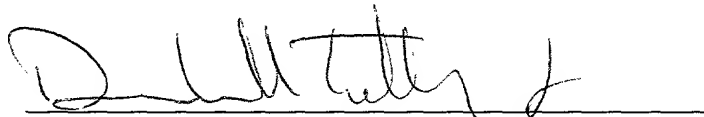
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